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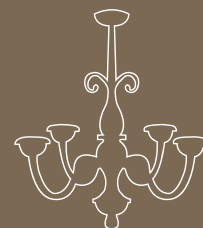


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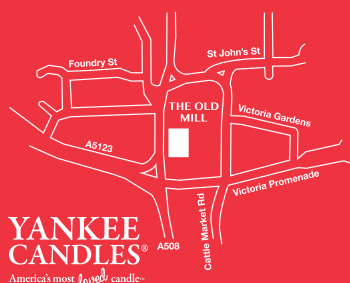
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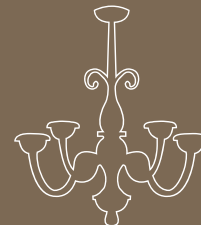
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# RAPIST WAS STOPPED AT UK BORDER

**A convicted rapist from Romania who was banned from the UK after being caught shoplifting in Northampton, has been stopped while trying to re-enter the country.**

Romeo Zamfir, 37, had served nine years in a prison in his home country for a series of thefts and a rape committed in 1999.

Police officers, whose actions have been praised by the Criminal Records Office, arrested him in February for a shoplifting offence in the town and carried out a series of foreign convictions checks.

A police spokesman said: "A locate/trace marker had been placed on Zamfir's file to ensure that if he came to po-

lice notice in the UK again, the process of registration could be completed. A Warnings Index Control Unit marker was added to his file [by Northamptonshire Police] to ensure that if he left the country undetected and then tried to regain entry, he would be refused. Zamfir tried to gain access into the UK via Luton Airport in March and when he was turned away, he tried a different tact arriving at Calais. He failed to pass the border thanks to warnings markers that had been placed on his file," he added.

Det Supt Pete Windridge said: "Protecting the people who live, work and travel to Northamptonshire is our primary aim and is something we work hard to do on a daily basis.

"It is encouraging to see that

routine checks we made identified someone who should have been closely monitored by police as a result of previous convictions in his home country. We will continue to check the background of anyone we arrest, including foreign nationals, to ensure all relevant information about them is known in order to continue to protect people in Northamptonshire."

Head of Association of Chief Police Officers Criminal Records Office, Paul Brooks, said: "This case highlights the need to check all foreign nationals when they come into custody for any offence.

"This case shows some great work from Northamptonshire Police and the Border Force in protecting our communities."

PICTURE THIS



## Hundreds flock to town music fest

■ Hundreds of people crowded into Northampton town centre on Sunday for the town's annual one-day music festival. Musicians performed at a variety of venues, with the main stage being on the Market Square, and headlined by Billy Lockett (pictured).



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# Dying man's wish to find much-loved car fulfilled

**A dying man was granted his last wish of being reunited with his old car after his friends and family managed to track it down in his final days.**

Dean Swain, aged 35, passed away at Leicester Royal Infirmary in the early hours of Monday after a two-year battle with skin cancer.

In the days before his death, Mr Swain said he would love to see his Ford Sierra Sapphire RS Cosworth, which he owned for 11 years until 2011 and which he used as his wedding car.

Mr Swain's friend, Alan Loader, put a request for information on the whereabouts of the car on a number of Ford enthusiast Facebook groups.

Within six hours he had tracked down Andy Booth, the current owner of the car, who lives near Mansfield.

Due to modifications, the car could not make the trip to the hospital, but Mr Booth's friend, Lee Walker, used his flat-bed lorry to transport the car. Mr Swain, who lived in Irthlingborough, was able to enjoy an emotional reunion

with his car outside the hospital in Leicester last Thursday.

His cousin, Dennis Munden, who was at the moving the reunion, said: "He broke down in tears when he saw it again. The chances of it happening must have been tiny."

Mr Loader said he was amazed he had been able to track down the car as it had gone through two owners since being sold by Mr Swain.

He said: "If we had not managed to sort it out on Thursday then Dean couldn't have seen it because he took a turn for the worst on Friday. It was amazing we were able to track down the owner in such

his Ford Sierra Cosworth and used it as his wedding car eight years ago. It was such a long shot in finding the car again. The chances of it happening must have been tiny."

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a short space of time."

Lee Walker, the self-employed recovery vehicle driver who spotted Mr Swain's story on Facebook, said he wanted to help as soon as he knew he could. He said: "As soon as I recognised the registration I contacted the owner, Andy Booth, and said 'we've got to do this'. The story has brought a tear to my eye."

More than £3,000 has been donated to a fund-raising site for Macmillan Cancer Support, set up by Mr Swain's wife, Kara. For details, visit [www.justgiving.com/Kara-Swain](http://www.justgiving.com/Kara-Swain)

## 'He loved that car just like a family member!'

**■ Dozens of people commented on this story after it was first published by the Chron on our website and on social media earlier this week. Rachel Conquest Hills said: "I am a friend and fellow RS fan and club member and his car was his pride and joy. He**

**loved that car like a family member! Him seeing it one last time was the best thing that could have happened. He is at peace now. God bless you Dean x." Victoria Barfoot said: "What a touching story. And well done to the current owner and his friend for grant-**

**ing this man his last wish. Thoughts are with all the family xx." Jane Bettles added: "How wonderful that people have such compassion. I hope the family have some comfort from their sad loss knowing one of his dreams came true."**

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Residents of Gladstone Road and Councillor Gareth Eales celebrate having a set of noisy rumble strips removed after years of campaigning. PICTURE BY PAUL LYNCH

## Sleep-deprived residents get some shut-eye after campaign

**Jubilant residents who live in a Northampton street dubbed 'Insomnia Road', say they have slept properly for the first time in years after noisy rumble strips were removed.**

Gladstone Road residents won their battle to have the speed-reducing measures taken out after Northamptonshire County Council discovered they were having no effect in slowing drivers down.

The work was carried out at the beginning of the month, at no extra cost to the taxpayer,

with the noisy rumble strips being replaced with a smooth asphalt material.

And this week pensioner Christine Copus, 68, has been feeling the benefits.

She said: "The peace is unbelievable. I feel like I've been on holiday."

Her husband, Joe, a former council surveyor, said the rumble strips, installed in 2011 at a cost of £200,000, had blighted his retirement years.

But this week he said: "It feels like they moved the road away. I was ill before because

of the lack of sleep, now I'm oversleeping. I'm happier and healthier."

Councillor Gareth Eales (*Lab, Spencer*) campaigned to get rid of the traffic calming measures for three years, reforming the Spencer-Dalington Residents' Association (SDRA) in the process. He was pleased to see the fruits of his labour, which involved gathering a petition and countless meetings.

He said: "It just proves that if people stick together you can get things done."

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Feedback forms for registering your comments will be available at the exhibition.

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# Road resurfaced around vehicles

A highways contractor has blamed inconsiderate parking by residents in Northampton for numerous car-shaped gaps after recent road resurfacing work.

Contractors Kier Surface Treatments began repair works along several pothole-riddled streets off the Barrack Road in Semilong on June 3.

But they have finished the job, on behalf of the county council, this week leaving numerous car-shaped gaps in the asphalt surface, because drivers had not heeded warnings asking them to move vehicles during the work period.

A spokesman for the county council said: "Letters were posted through the doors of every house 10 days before the work was due to start.

"Signage also appeared in the streets 10 days before and two days before another letter drop was carried out.

"Workers even knocked on doors of some houses.



One of the gaps left in Marriott Street after workers resurfaced the road around cars.

"The decision was taken to resurface around the vehicles as the vehicle owners had not responded.

"It will be necessary to carry out remedial work to fill in the gaps, which will be carried out at no added expense to the taxpayer. This will be carried out later in the summer but a firm date has not yet been set."

The signs posted around the streets had threatened to

tow away any car left while the work was being carried out, though no cars were.

Borough councillor Les Marriott (*Lab, Semilong*) said it was 'disappointing' as the roads – including Marriott Street and Gordon Street – were in desperate need of resurfacing.

He said: "I don't know why they didn't ticket the parked

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Cloudy2Clear service the Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough & Corby areas and Trevor is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for,

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# Drunk clubbers to be breath tested

Breathalyser tests are being used as a condition of entry in a number of bars and night-clubs in Northampton town centre, to cut down on the number of people 'pre-loading' with alcohol.

The new scheme is a joint initiative between Northamptonshire Police and Pubwatch to try to reduce alcohol-related crime and disorder in Northampton town centre.

As a condition of entry, a number of pubs and bars in the town will now be breathalysing people if they appear to be drunk.

If people are found to be over the limit of 80 microgrammes per 100 millilitres of breath, which is more than twice the limit for driving – which is 35 microgrammes – they may be refused entry.

Sgt Mark Worthington, who has been working with Pubwatch on the scheme, said: "All too often people



Clubgoers who may be drunk will be breathalysed as a condition of entry into clubs and bars

pre-load at home on cheap alcohol and are drunk before they even reach the town centre.

"We are working closely with door staff to ensure this new scheme is embedded and becomes normal practice."

The chairman of Pubwatch said he hoped most people would not see the breath test as an imposition but a sign

that steps were being taking to make the town centre a safer place to go out.

Karim Ayoubi said: "We want our customers to have a good time, but also to be aware of the effect of drinking too much, too quickly."

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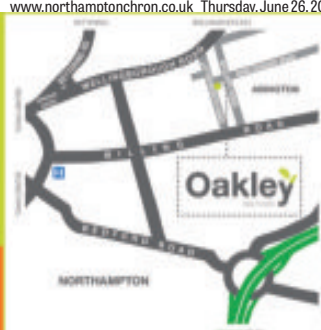
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The former Chronicle & Echo building in Upper Mounts is being knocked down as Aldi plans to build a supermarket on the site. A nearby resident was left furious after their car was covered in dust

# Aldi apologises for demolition's debris

Aldi supermarket has offered to pay for a car to be cleaned after it was covered in dust and debris during the demolition of the former Chronicle & Echo building.

The supermarket chain is demolishing the site of the former newspaper building in the Upper Mounts, Northampton, to make way for a proposed new Aldi store. During some of the demolition work on Monday, a car parked in a nearby private car park was covered in dust and debris.

Leah Toman, who lives in Overstone Road, said: "Aldi organised work without informing anybody. It caused considerable dust damage."

"There are bricks and glass where cars should be parked, but luckily most people were at work. It was disgusting that they did this."

Aldi purchased the land from Johnston Press after the Chron vacated the building last year. A spokesperson for Aldi said: "The approved demoli-



tion of the former Chronicle & Echo building commenced in May and our contractors have worked to ensure there has been a minimal impact on our neighbours from the outset.

"This included door-to-door visits to inform residents of the planned works and there is also an onsite manager who is available if residents have any questions regarding the demolition. Unfortunately, despite these measures, it appears that some of the resulting dust from the works has affected the car of a neighbour-

ing resident. While we had not been made aware of the situation until this stage, we would be happy to contact the resident in question to arrange a mobile valet service and have their car cleaned."

Aldi said remaining demolition was expected to be completed by the end of June and there would be some works continuing onsite for a month. A spokesman said: "Following its completion, we will be coming forward with our initial plans for the redevelopment of the site."

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# Hubs for bike hire scheme installed

**Preparations have started for the launch of a new bike hire scheme in Northampton.**

Cycle CoNnect is set to launch later this month with the aim of creating a low cost, convenient and sustainable way to travel around the town.

The £150k initiative will initially provide 50 bikes for public hire from 10 docking sites inside and outside the borough.

Work to install the docking sites has already begun.

Four hire hubs are being installed in time for the launch in Mercer's Row, Becket's Park, Midsummer Meadow and in Pavilion Drive, Brackmills.

Six more hubs will then be set up in the coming weeks at Northampton railway station, the University of Northampton and Brackmills.

The first 30 minutes of cycling are free, with every additional hour of use costing £1



**docking hub Work has begun on installing bike stations across town**

county council cabinet member for transport, highways and environment, said: "I'm delighted this initiative is launching in time for the summer and I hope we're blessed with some good weather so people will be encouraged to have a go on our new Cycle CoNnect bikes."

"This system really is very easy to use and the docking stations are located at the key transport hubs in the town, which means the bikes are suitable for leisure rides, commuter journeys, shopping trips and student travel."

"We know we've got a lot of work to do to bring our cycle network up to how we'd like it to be, but I see this enterprise as taking us a great step forward in doing this."

The scheme will be run by Northamptonshire County Council, MGWSP, Northampton Borough Council, Brackmills Estate and the University of Northampton.

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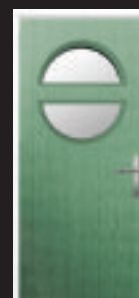
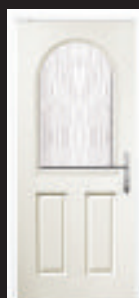
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# More places to hail a black cab

**A host of new black cab ranks could be created around Northampton in a bid to boost the town's 'night time economy'... despite a councillor labelling some of the plans 'stupid'.**

Members of the borough council's licensing committee voted in favour of establishing five new ranks, creating 29 new pitches exclusively for Hackney Carriage drivers to ply their trade.

These are proposed at the top and bottom of Bridge Street, Mercers Row and outside the Roadmender nightclub in Lady's Lane, which would be in operation between 11pm and 5am.

Plans to establish a 10-pitch 24-hour rank at George Row were slammed however.

Councillor Phil Larratt (*Con, East Hunsbury*), speaking at Tuesday's committee meeting said: "Those spaces are used throughout the day.

"How can we even contemplate using these bays as an authority? It's an absolutely stupid idea."

But the committee resolved to define a George Row rank – but only between 11pm and 5am – and also resolved to look at establishing a day-time rank in Victoria Street, near to where the National Express coaches now stop.

Councillor Les Marriott, (*Lab, Semilong*) said: "Not everyone who gets off one of those long distance buses has the means to get from A to B. I'm concerned there's no provision there."

The plans will now go out to a 28-day consultation with cabbies and members of the public before they are adopted.

The extra pitches are aimed at addressing a shortfall in provision for the 138 licensed Hackney Carriage drivers, currently fighting over only 12 pitches available in the town centre.

The trade had taken a hit after the Greyfriars bus station closed, which made a rank on Lady's Lane redundant.

The council also said establishing the new ranks would deter private hire vehicles



An extra 29 bays for black-cab drivers to ply their trade are to be introduced in Northampton

'acting 'illegally' by picking up fairs that have not made previous bookings.

Senior licensing officer Phil Bayliss said cab drivers

had pushed for a rank at the new North Gate bus station, but Councillor Gareth Eales said the area could not take any more congestion.

"I would like to live forever," he said. "But that's not going to happen. Let's start with something a bit more realistic."

## Lancers ready for parade in town

PREPARATIONS are under way in Northampton to welcome back soldiers from Afghanistan on Armed Forces Day.

On Saturday, June 28, the 9th/12th Royal Lancers will parade through the town centre after an eight-month tour to Helmand Province in Afghanistan.

In preparation for the whole Armed Forces Week, Northampton Guildhall will be flying flags from 10am on Monday.

The Lancers, who will be parading in the town for the first time since 2012, will be welcomed at the Guildhall by Northampton mayor, Councillor John Caswell, and the new Lord Lieutenant, David Laming, before proceeding to the Market Square.

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# Academy trust in bid to run new school

An academy trust that sponsors three primary schools in Northampton is making a bid to run a new £20 million school on the site of a former Royal Mail sorting office.

The EMLC Academy Trust, which is based in Olney and was set up in July 2012, wants to run the proposed school on the Barrack Road site, which has been bought by the Education Funding Agency.

Northamptonshire County Council has held a consultation on plans for a £20 million project to convert the site into a secondary school, as well as a community space and possible commercial unit, and potential sponsors have been invited to submit bids to the Department for Education.

The EMLC Academy Trust says its bid would build on links with nearby Castle Academy School in St George's Street which it took over in January.

EMLC has presented its proposal for the Barrack Road



The former Royal Mail sorting office could be converted into a £20 million new school

school, which would be called the Northampton International Academy, to councillors and the local community during a consultation event.

EMLC Academy Trust chief executive, Jan Marshall, said: "The local authority has been aware for some time that there is a need for a new secondary school in the town and to of-

fer new all-through provision, with a strong focus on academic subjects is something we know parents will be very excited by."

The new development on the Barrack Road site would see 1,500 new secondary places opened up for local pupils, with 420 primary places and 250 post-16 places.

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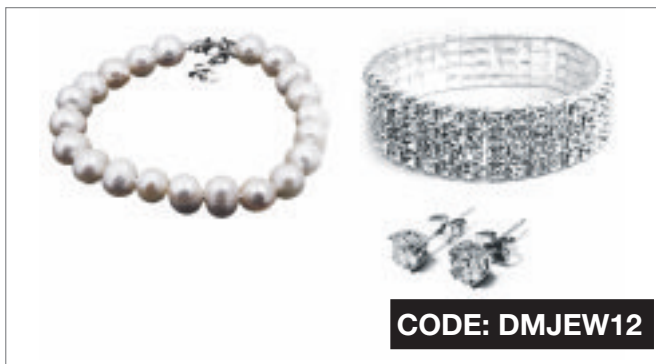
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# Fresh police appeal to help identify body

A new appeal has been launched by police to identify a man whose body was discovered in Northampton almost 12 years ago.

On the morning of Sunday, September 29, 2002, the Wildlife Trust organised a litter pick of the wooded nature reserve at Lings Wood on the eastern side of Northampton.

**Anyone with information can call Missing People on 0500 700700**

During this, the body of a man was found in a small den area underneath some rhododendron bushes. Police were notified and the man's body was eventually recovered, but to date he has never been identified. It is thought the body may have been there for up to 12 months and was badly decomposed. A subsequent post-mortem examination did



**MYSTERY MAN:** Police have released a clay model reconstruction of the face of a man found dead in Lings Wood in 2002. The case was investigated at the time of the discovery but police have not been able to identify him

not establish a cause of death.

The appeal, which includes a clay model reconstruction of the man's head, was broadcast on the BBC's *Crimewatch Roadshow* programme last Friday.

The body was of a man, aged between 25 and 50, and

he was between 5ft 8in to 6ft, probably with dark hair.

Dental records suggested he would have been at least 30 years of age and isotopic bone examination suggested he lived a large part of his life in an area with prominent chalk/limestone geology.

Items found with the body included a beige sleeping bag, a black Equinox fleece jacket, a blue Viale workwear top, a green and brown 'Jet Flow' Torille 40 Outbound rucksack, cigarette lighters, a purple comb and hairbrush, a spectacles case and lens cloth and a damaged black and white photograph.

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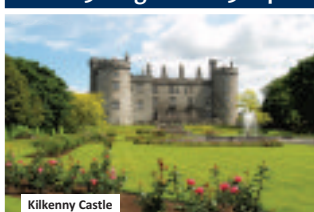
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## Launch for business funding support

A NEW business support group has been launched which offers match-funded grants of up to £10,000 to firms across Northamptonshire.

The service, launched by Velocity at the Errol Flynn Filmhouse, also offers the chance to access experienced business advisers.

Paul Griffiths, chief executive of Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce, said: "Velocity is a very exciting initiative and one with which the Chamber is delighted to be involved."

"The key point to make is that it's free business support and open to all businesses in Northampton," he added.

"We have a dedicated local helpline number which is 01604 490498 and businesses can also benefit from one-to-one support from Andrew Rozzier and Richard Thompson."

# Tough stand on underage gambling

**Tougher measures to clamp down on underage gambling in betting shops are to be taken in Northampton after four out of the five big companies failed test purchases.**

Concerns were first raised at a borough council licensing committee meeting in December that too many under 18s were using 'fixed odds betting terminals'.

The controversial machines – which account for half of gambling firm profits – can allow players to lose £100 of their own money every 20 seconds on casino-style games such as roulette.

In response, the authority decided to send two 17-year-olds into BetFred, William Hill, Coral, Ladbrokes and Paddy Power shops in the town in April to see if they were asked for identification before playing on the machines.

Borough council officer Bill Edwards told Tuesday's licensing panel: "Two betting shops were abysmal failures."

"In these a young person entered, they were not challenged, they used the ma-



Borough councillors resolved to increase test purchases and lobby government to curb the use of potentially 'addictive' fixed odds betting machines, which allow players to stake up to £100.

chines and left the premises without staff ever asking."

In another shop the 17-year-old was only asked for proof of age when they were

playing on the machine.

Only one of the five asked the youths for proof of age when they entered the premises, as is legally required under

the Gambling Act.

The council's licensing committee resolved to introduce regular test purchases in all of the town's premises.

But councillors on the committee said the authority would need to go further in curbing the use of the fixed odds terminals, often dubbed the 'crack cocaine of gambling'.

Councillor Gareth Eales (Lab, Spencer) proposed the council lobbied central government to introduce a cap on the stakes any player can gamble.

Laws are currently being drawn up to require a machine to inform staff if they want to bet more than £50 cash at a time.

But Councillor Eales said this did not go far enough.

He said: "While I welcome introducing test purchases, the underage use of these machines is just a fraction of the issue."

"It's how much you can win and lose in a matter of 20 minutes that concerns me."

Councillor Les Marriott (Lab, Semilong) said a membership card system could be introduced, which he said could both limit who had access to the shops and also monitor those over-spending in such premises.

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Peugeot is losing euros by the billion, but has recently announced a recovery plan that will see the number of dif-

ferent models it builds nearly halved by 2020, doing a "better job" with the ones that are left.

One of those is sure to be the 208, or at least its successor. While much of the world wants bigger cars, there remain millions of families with more modest ambitions and more slender means, where a simple little hatch fits the bill.

Peugeot will be happy to fit the bill for you, with a 208 from under £10,000 for a three-door, but will be happier still if you choose a car like the vehicle presented here.

Sitting in the middle of the range it comes decently loaded with kit, but pulled by a

small petrol engine.

That power plant is aimed at producing the sort of economy that will have you smiling. Diesel versions will do better, but cost more to buy.

The modest engine pulls well enough when prodded into action, although an over-rubbery feel to the gear-change and a clutch that could bite more smoothly don't help progress at low speed.

Go faster and you appreciate a car which happily sacrifices a bit of soft riding comfort for a snappy response on the corners and is a real surprise on twisty bits, as long as they're smooth.



### FACTFILE

**PRICE:** £14,495

**DRIVETRAIN:** 1.2 litre 82hp petrol engine, 5-speed gearbox

**PERFORMANCE:** Top speed 109mph 0-62mph 12.2 seconds

**ECONOMY:** Euro average 62.8mpg CO2 104g/km road tax £0 first year, then £20

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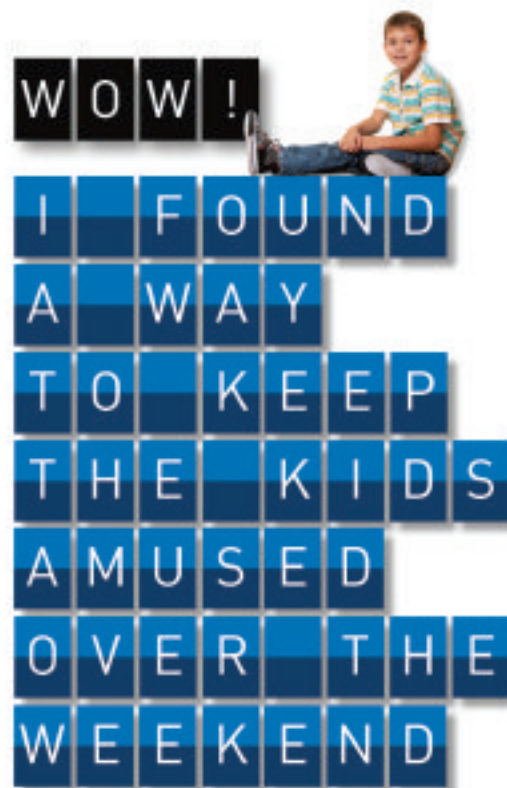
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### DOMESTIC HELP

**Personal Assistant** required for 15 - 18hrs flexibly over the week but will always include weekends to assist a disabled man and his family to live as independently as possible in their own home. He also requires help with managing a child with autism who can display aggressive and challenging behaviour. £8 per hour in NN3. Please call job-line 01604 214625 quoting MM05/10/GS for an application pack.

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**Closing date for applications Monday 30th June 2014 at 12 noon**

For more information and to apply, please contact Claire Hartley, HR Manager:

**T: 01327 709568**

**E: claire.hartley@theparkere-actacademy.org.uk**

**W: www.theparkere-actacademy.org.uk**

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**For further information and an application pack, please go to**

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**email v.tiarks@campion.northants.sch.uk or call**

**Victoria Tiarks on 01604 833900.**

**Closing date: Noon on 30th June 2014**

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### DOMESTIC HELP

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*Uppingham School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the DBS.*

**Applications must be made using the School's application form. Please visit [www.uppingham.co.uk/non-teaching-vacancies](http://www.uppingham.co.uk/non-teaching-vacancies) for an application pack or call 01572 822216.**

**Deadline for application 9am, Friday 11 July 2014.**

**Uppingham School, Uppingham, Rutland LE15 9QE**

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# SPORT

## Wilderness can't wait to get started

### Boss says new signings make Cobblers a team to fear

#### FOOTBALL

**Chris Wilder believes the Cobblers have got a 'tough start' to their Sky Bet League Two fixtures but that their close-season recruitment will make them a team other sides in the division fear playing.**

Town kick off their 2014/15 campaign with a home game against Mansfield Town but then face difficult-looking trips to York City and Portsmouth.

York have signed Anthony Straker, Jake Hyde and Dave Winfield to bolster a squad that reached the play-offs last season, while Pompey have made one of the most eye-catching acquisitions in the division by recruiting Craig Westcarr after his release from league one Walsall.

Such reinforcements will make both those teams tough nuts to crack, but Wilder feels his own transfer work at Sixfields - where big hitters Marc Richards and Zander Diamond have signed up - will also cause some concerns for their opponents.

"You look at it from a lot of different aspects, the travelling and a few other things," he said.

"I think we've got a tough start but there will be teams that are fancied that have a slow start themselves.

"It works both ways and you have to take each individual game on its merit.

"It's a tough start but we're looking forward to it.

"People will be looking at our game and thinking they've got to play Northampton and that we're a lot better than we were last year.

"We've worked within the budget and we've ticked a lot of boxes - the players that we've got in all want to be successful.

"A lot of different aspects go into it - formations, having left-footers or right-footers, we don't just sign players because they're good players, they have to fit into the group."

Meanwhile, Cobblers assistant manager Alan Knill expects his former club Bury to be among the leading contenders for the Sky Bet League Two title this season.

But Knill feels the division will be wide open, mainly because of the promotion at the end of last season of two of the biggest financial powers - Chesterfield and Fleetwood.

Bury had an excellent second half of the 2013/14 campaign under manager David Flitcroft, putting together a run of form which took them from a relegation scrap to comfortable safety and start the season as the bookies' favourites for promotion.

"They (Bury) have recruited well and they've spent well," said Knill, who was in charge at Gigg Lane between 2008 and 2011.

"Ryan Lowe is a very good signing and Nicky Adams from Rotherham is a very good signing.

"They finished the season very well and you would expect them to be up there."



**TOUGH START** Cobblers boss Chris Wilder feels his team have some difficult fixtures in the first month of the season but that their own acquisition of players such as Zander Diamond will mean teams fear them too

# Hartley: All Blacks have the mental edge

**SAINTS skipper Dylan Hartley admits New Zealand have landed a telling psychological blow in the build-up to the 2015 World Cup by completing a 3-0 series whitewash over England.**

#### RUGBY

**Stuart Lancaster's men slumped to a 36-13 defeat at the Waikato Stadium in what was comfortably their worst performance of**

**the tour. The rivals collide again at Twickenham in the opening match of the autumn series and Hartley fears World Cup favourites New Zealand have gained a crucial edge over the hosts.**

"There was more to this series than the results, there was also that psychological battle that we'd have liked to have won," Hartley said.

"The next time the All Blacks come to Twicken-

ham it will be in their favour. That psychological battle ahead of the World Cup is key.

"If we'd picked up a result or had another good performance like we had in the last few Tests, that would

have been nice going into Twickenham."

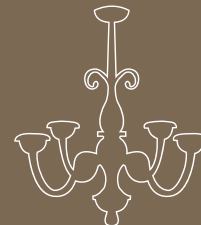
England's ambitions of recording only a third Test victory in New Zealand were effectively over by half-time after the All Blacks had built a 29-6 lead.





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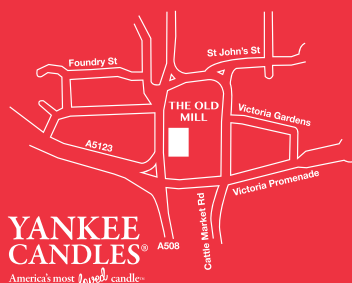
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